GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Backward Classes Welfare Department – Prohibiting the usage of phrase "Bhatraju Pogadthalu" in Films, TV Serials, Meetings of the political leaders, public forums etc., against the persons belonging to "Bhatraju Caste/Community" - Orders – Issued.

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BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.60 **Dated:20.12.2022**

Read the following:

1. Representation from the President, Andhra Pradesh Bhattaraja Sangham, vide Lr.Dt.27-09-2019 & forwarded through the Member Secretary, A.P. State Commission for B.Cs vide Lr.Dt.06-01-2021.
2. From the Chairman, A.P. Bhatraja Welfare & Development Corporation vide Lr. Dt.15-03-2021.
3. Govt.Memo.No.1481667/Gen.B/A1/2022, Dt.16-06-2022.
4. From the Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri vide Lr.No.6588/C2/2021, Dt.30-09-2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Member Secretary, A.P. State Commission for B.Cs has forwarded the representation of the President, Andhra Pradesh Bhattaraja Sangham and requested the Government for issuance of appropriate orders to prohibit the usage of the phrase "Bhatraju Pogadthalu" in Films, TV Serials, Meetings of the political Leaders, Public Forums etc., as it hurting the sentiments and degrading the self respect of the people belonging to Bhatraju Caste / Community. In the reference 2nd read above, the Chairman, A.P. Bhatraja Welfare & Development Corporation has also requested the same.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Home (Gen.B) Department have requested the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh to offer his specific remarks on the above issue. In the reference 4th read above, the Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri has given "No objection" for prohibiting the usage of the phrase "Bhatraju Pogadthalu".

3. In the circumstances reported in the references read above and after careful examination of the matter, Government is hereby order to prohibit the usage of the phrase "Bhatraju Pogadthalu" in Films, TV Serials, meetings of the Political Leaders, Public Forums etc., as it is hurting the sentiments and degrading the self-respect of the people belongs to Bhataraju Caste / Community and also if any person using the abusive and prohibited words hurting their feelings and sentiments in the name of the caste shall be liable for penal action under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

4. The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri and all the District Collectors & District Magistrates in the State of A.P., shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri.
All the District Collectors in the State.
The Director, B.C. Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.

(P.T.O)

The Member Secretary, A.P. State Commission for B.Cs, Vijayawada.
The Chairman, A.P. Bhatraj Welfare & Development Corporation, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, I & PR, A.P., Vijayawada (with a request to issue press note to both Print & Electronic media).

Copy to:-

The Home (Gen.B) Department.
The Law Department.
The Managing Director, A.P. Bhatraj Welfare & Development Corporation, Vijayawada.
The P.S. to Joint Secretary to Hon'ble C.M.
The P.A. to Minister (BCW).
The P.S. to Prl. Secy. Govt., B.C. Welfare Dept.
SF/SC (Comp. No.1328569).

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER